मुद्रा आदि का लाभ होगा क्या उसका अनुमान सरकार ने लगाया है ?

श्री माधवराव सिंधिया : प्रत्येक स्थान पर जो पर्यटक जाते हैं वे कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा राष्ट्र में लायेंगे और खर्च करेंगे इसमें साइट बाई साइट या टूरिस्ट स्पाट बाई टूरिस्ट स्पाट अनुमान लगाना बहुत कठिन है।

ईस्टर्न कोलफील्ड्स लिमिटेड में कोयले का उत्पादन

*205. **श्री अनन्त राम जायसवाल** क्या **कोयला** मंत्री 15 जुलाई, 1991 को राज्य सभा में अतांराकित प्रश्न सं० 29 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि ईस्टर्न कोलफील्ड्स लिमिटेड अपना 1990–91 के वर्ष का उत्पादन लक्ष्य प्राप्त करने में विफल रहा है; यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ख) 1990–91 के लिये उत्पादन का क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया था और इस दौरान कितना उत्पादन हुआ ; और

(ग) क्या कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड ने 1991–92 के लिये ईस्टर्न कोलफील्ड्स लिमिटेड का उत्पादन लक्ष्य कम करने का निर्णय लिया है ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b) Coal production in Eastern Coalfields Ltd. (ECL) has been below target for the last two years namely 1989-90 and 1990-91 due to exhaustion of reserves in some old mines, inadequate and erratic supply of power and heavy rains. The targets and achievements for these years are as follows:

(in Million tonnes)

Year	Target	Achievement
1989-90. . .	31.90	24.46
1990-91. . .	29.00	23.47

(c) Production target of 24.50 million tonnes fixed for ECL during 1991-92 is 4.38 per cent higher than the actual achievement during 1990-91.

श्री अनन्त राम जायसवाल : माननीय मंत्री जी ने ईस्टर्न कोल फील्ड में कम कोयले के उत्पादन के तीन प्रमुख कारण बताये हैं । नम्बर एक, कि बिजली ठीक से नहीं मिलती है और पर्याप्त नहीं मिलती, दूसरा यह बताया है कि पुरानी खानों में कोयला खत्म हो गया है और तीसरा, बरसात बताया है। जहां तक हमारी बरसात का सवाल है यह तो पहले भी होती रही है। यह कोई कारण नहीं और उसको ध्यान में नहीं लाना चाहिये, मंत्री जी यह मेरा पहला निवेदन है।

मैं यह पूछना चाहता हूं कि जिस स्थान पर जिन खानों में कोयला कम हो गया है क्या उसी के आस पास नयी कोयले की खानें मौजूद हैं या नहीं ? अगर हैं तो कोयले की भारी कमी को देखते हुये उन पर समय रहते काम क्यों नहीं शुरू किया गया, यह मेरा नम्बर एक सवाल है। दूसरा यह है कि बिजली को रोते हैं कोयले वाले और कोयले को रोते हैं बिजली वाले। दोनों मंत्री जी आमने सामने बैठे हैं तो क्या कोयला मंत्री जी बिजली मंत्री जी से मिलकर कोई ऐसी योजना बनायेंगे जिससे उनको मुस्तकिल सप्लाई मिलती रहे ?

SHRI P. A. SANGMA: Sir, according to the assessment made by the working group for the Eighth Five-Year Plan, by 1994-95, the production of coal from the Eastern Coalfields from old mines and completed projects will come down to 9.5 million tonnes from the present level of 16 million tonnes. The major reason is the depleting reserves. Now we realise that if we have to increase the production from the Eastern Coalfields, we need to go in for new mines. We have, at the moment, five new mines projects which are sanctioned projects. But unfortunately, we have not been able to start them because we are still facing the problems of land acquisition and a clearance from the Forest Department. Out of these five new projects, four are in West Bengal and one is in Bihar. I propose to go to Calcutta and have a discussion with the Revenue and Forest Minister of West Bengal as well as of Bihar to sort out the problem.

श्री अनन्त राम जायसवाल : दो साल पहले ही यह पता लग गया था कि कोयले का उत्पादन नीचे जा रहा है। कोयला चूंकि एक इंपोर्टेंट इनपुट है इसलिये हर जगह पूरे देश में रोना है कि कोयले की कमी है। बिजली वाले भी रोते हैं। और दूसरे कारखाने वाले भी। इसलिये दो साल पहले जब पता लग गया था तभी या खानों के खत्म होने के कुछ दिन पहले ही क्यों नहीं विचार किया गया कि नयी खदानें शुरू की जायें ? नम्बर एक, और दूसरा बिजली की मुस्तकिल कमी और गड़बड़ सप्लाई के बारे में कोई मुस्तकिल इलाज करना चाहते हैं या नहीं करना चाहते हैं इस पर प्रकाश डालें।

SHRI P. A. SANGMA: I am sorry, Sir. I forgot to answer the second part of the hon. Member's question to sort out a problem of power. I accept the suggestion of the hon. Member and we will sit together and sort out our problem.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The other question was, why did you not think of the othere mines earlier in the last two years when the coal was geting exhausted?

SHRI P. A. SANGMA: Sir, we have thought over it. In fact, our new projects are older than two years. Our problem is that of getting clearance from Environment, from the Forest Department and from the Revenue Department. Now I propose to take it up at my own level with the Minister. In fact, a little while ago, I was discussing this issue with Shri Dipen Ghosh.

SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Sir, it has been stated in the reply that due to exhaustion of reserves, inadequate and erratic supply of power and heavy rains, this thing has happened. But it is not known how many mines have been exhausted because as I know, there are 120 reorganised mines in the national sector in Eastern Coal mines and most of them are working. Now the mines which had been exhausted earlier according to the ECL's report have been recommissioned as in Purulia in Ranipur. I want to know how many underground mines have really been exhausted and what is the total stock remaining in other working underground mines and how many open cast mines have been taken up as new projects in the process of development? How many mines are really suffering due to technology constraints? What is the technology being applied? I would like to know whether it is not a fact that a number of losses have been there due to defective machines and accidents have taken place due to this machine. Those machines which were defective had to be removed and during the process of removal a roof gave way and workers died. This is absolutely a junk technology that is being applied in the coal mines because the coal mines authorities, who run it think that the people are ignoring about coal

mines and since it is black, everything should be black there. I want to know as to what is the development project they have undertaken. I would like to know whether there is any feud between underground mining and OCP miningwala. What is the total number of working shifts that have suffered due to the reasons mentioned here?

SHRI P. A. SANGMA: Sir, I am sorry, I do not have that figures with me. But the fact remains that there are a few mines where it is exhausted and the solution lies in new projects. We have at the moment 13 *new project's, ongoing projects, each* project costing about more than Rs. 20 crores. There will be a total investment of Rs. 1997.22 crores. Out of that, we have problems in five projects which I have mentioned earlier and we need to talk to the State Governments and we are going to do that. As far as the application of the types of machinery is concerned, well, Sir, I do not have the information with me now. I will certainly go into that and keep the suggestion of the hon. Member in mind.

SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Sir, what is the basis of extension of this target and has any action ever been taken to cover up the gap between the target and achievement?

SHRI P. A. SANGMA: We review the performance of the company on a regular basis. The fact remains that when reserve are depleting, it is difficult to increase the production. That is why I am emphasising on starting and launching of new projects because the solution lies there.

श्रीमती कमला सिन्हा : सभापति महोदय, मैं मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहती हूं इन्होंने बताया कि बिहार में भी ईस्टर्न कोलफील्ड लि० का एक लाल माठिया प्रोजेक्ट है, मैं सरकार से यह जानना चाहती हूं कि लाल माठिया प्रोजैक्ट में काम कब से शुरू होगा, तथा उसकी पोटेंशेलिटी क्या है ?

इस प्रोजैक्ट में काम शुरू होने से जो आदिवासी लोग विस्थापित होंगे, उनमें से कितने लोगों को सरकार नौकरी में लिंगी और जिनको सरकार नौकरी में नहीं ले सकती है, उनके पुनर्वास के लिये सरकार क्या व्यवस्था करेगी ?

SHRI P. A. SANGMA: Sir, the new project in Bihar is Raj Mahal. As I said, there are many problems involved there, not only of revenue clearance, forests but also the rehabilitation of the people who have been displaced. Therefore, I propose to go to the State Capital and at discuss with the State Government and sort out this problem.

Coal Stock at CCL

*206. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:†
SHRI W. KULABIDHU SINGH:

Will he Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 40 lakh tonnes of coal has been written off in the Central Coalfields Limited in the year 1989-90; and

(b) what are the reasons therefor and the amount involved therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) No, Sir According to information furnished by Coal India Limited, the coal stocks written off in respect of financial year 1989-90 by Central Coalfields Ltd was only 601 tonnes.

(b) The shortage and the write off in respect of the financial year 1989-

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shrimati Kamla Sinha.